



H.E.A.R.T.s Astride

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Upcoming Events

- ♥ First six week session to begin in August.
- ♥ Volunteer training
- ♥ Building of a new fence around the activity area
- ♥ We are still planning to visit the therapeutic riding center in St. Louis. We are working on a tentative date and hope to go on a weekday during lessons and possibly for volunteer training.

Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the first H.E.A.R.T.s Astride Newsletter! H.E.A.R.T.s now has a beat! We had our first board meeting March 18th and followed up with a smaller board meeting at Cracker Barrel April 4th to finish any tasks we did not complete in the first board meeting. All Board members and staff members should now have T-Shirts, but if you wish to order another shirt, you can talk to Diana Gerdes or Jenni Erst.

Back In Training

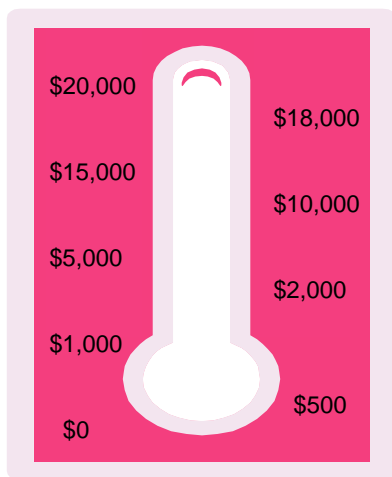
Reba is enjoying maternity leave but has begun a small amount of lunge line training to get her back in shape. Midnight is doing some vaulting and really loves the "throw the ball at the horse" game.

We are trying some of our other horses to see how they do. Aladdin has started with the "walk over the tarp" game. He isn't quite sure what to think yet, but will learn over time.

Good ole Molly spends most of her day out in the pasture, but we know in August she'll be ready to go.

And Hot Shot is just starting his training. He's playing more with the ball and the tarp than assisting with them. He's a sweet horse, though, and we know he'll do great in the program.

Fundraising



Building in Progress

- ♥ New Barn
- ♥ Tack Room
- ♥ A Wash Rack
- ♥ Fencing required for insurance policy.

Featured Volunteer

The featured volunteer for this month is Sarah Erst. She is a junior at Waynesville High School and aspires to be a journalist when she graduates from high school. She has volunteered to write the monthly newsletters as well as the thank you notes given to donors.

News letter written by Sarah Erst